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TWO INVOLVED IN STASH HOUSE SHOOTOUT INDICTED

HOUSTON, TX – Jose Monsivais-Muniz, 25, of Monterrey, Mexico, and Jesus Ivan Gomez-Ibarra, 21, of Michoacan, Mexico, have been indicted for immigration related offenses, United States Attorney Don DeGabrielle announced today. Monsivais-Muniz and Gomez-Ibarra are charged with one count of conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens and three counts of harboring illegal aliens.

The indictment, returned today, follows the filing of a criminal complaint on March 17, 2006. According to allegations in the complaint, at approximately 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2006, Houston Police Department (HPD) officers responded to a 911 “shots fired” call at 9011 Sandpiper Street in Houston, Texas. People heard arguing and screaming, and shots fired, according to the complaint. Several vehicles were seen leaving the location after shots had been heard and it was believed someone had been injured.

Three Hispanic males, one of whom had apparently been shot and was being carried, had been seen crossing the footbridge of Braes Bayou, located behind the Sandpiper Street residence, and last observed walking on Bob White St.

When HPD officers arrived at the scene, the three males were located and identified. The wounded subject was identified as Jose Monsivais-Muniz. One of the two other males, who had began walking apart from one another upon seeing HPD officers, was identified as Jesus Gomez-Ibarra. Both men were detain. Monsivais-Muniz, who had been shot several times and was bleeding heavily from his right side and buttocks area, was transported to an area hospital, treated and released several days later.

HPD officers secured the scene at 9011 Sandpiper St., including a number of undocumented immigrants found inside the residence awaiting the arrival of Houston ICE agents who joined the investigation.

In the residence, officers observed a large amount of blood on the floor near the front door and bullet holes in the front door. HPD officers also seized an SKS assault rifle and several rounds of ammunition.

ICE agents continued the investigation, which indicated that the undocumented aliens found at the residence had been transported to the residence from the Mexican border and were

being held in the house until they paid their smuggling fees. ICE agents took 24 undocumented immigrants into custody, including Jose Monsivais-Muniz and Jesus Ivan Gomez-Ibarra.

Both men are in federal custody, without bond, pending their trial on these charges. If convicted, each faces a maximum of five years in prison for each count of harboring illegal aliens. A conviction on the conspiracy charge carries a maximum of 10 years in prison. All counts also carry a maximum fine \$250,000. Additionally, each defendant faces possible deportation from the United States following the conclusion of the criminal case.

This case is being investigated by special agents of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jay Hileman and Doug Davis.

Indictments are formal accusations of criminal conduct, not evidence. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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